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Richard W. Heiden, et al.) Group Art Unit:
Serial No.: 09/550,878) Examiner:
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The attached Proposed Preliminary Amendment To Drawings (hereinafter "Notice") is submitted in response to the Notice Of Omitted Item(s) In A Nonprovisional Application mailed June 23, 2000.

Applicant elects to proceed under option number III of the Notice. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the application maintains a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the Patent and Trademark Office, since the original application papers were complete. However, the Preliminary Amendment is submitted to correct a typographical error with request to sheet number 2 of the drawings.

A copy of Notice Of Omitted Item(s) In A Nonprovisional Application is attached per your request.

Consideration of the attachment preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROPOSED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO DRAWINGS

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S I R: Attention: Initial Patent Examination Division

In response to the Notice of Omitted Items(s) In A Nonprovisional Application mailed June 23, 2000 drawing corrections are required. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.123 and in conformance with MPEP 608.02(r), a proposed change to the drawings as originally filed is hereby submitted. Generally, this amendment is necessary to correct a typographically error on drawing sheet number 2 with respect to the figure label. On drawing sheet number 2, we propose to change the label from Fig. 4 to Fig. 2.

To facilitate identification of the proposed drawing changes, any additions to the drawings appear in red ink and any deletions to the drawings are indicated by an "X" in red ink. Permission to amend the drawings as indicated is respectfully requested.

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